



Come and Die

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Biblical Manhood Restored

1. _____ ...

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples ... – Matt 16:14 (cf. Gen. 3:8-9)

2. Restore the _____ ...
Cf. Matt. 4:19-20; 19:21-22; 2 Tim. 4:10

a. Denial Is Not _____ – It Is _____
Cf. Gen. 39:7-12; Gen. 25:29-34

b. The Cross Is Not an _____ – It Is _____
Cf. Gen. 22; Acts 7; Eph. 5:25

c. Following Jesus is not a _____ – it's _____
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3. _____ ...

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it ..." – Matt 16:25-27 (cf. Gen. 13-19; Heb. 11:24–26)

In Summary ...

"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father and in the company of his angels and then he will repay every man for what he has done." – Matt 16:27

A man may win the applause of the moment, gain the treasures of the world, and satisfy every craving of the flesh—only to stand before God and discover he has lost the one thing he can never buy back: _____.

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

PSALM 20: INTERCESSION AND VICTORY

The context of Psalm 20 is that King David was preparing for a big battle. Many are battling their own wars today—waging war against strongholds and addictions, fighting for marriages, and so much more. Think of those in Celebrate Recovery. Think of those who are battling quietly with unspoken struggles. Psalm 20 can be a great pattern for prayer!

KING DAVID WENT TO THE SYNAGOGUE PRIOR TO BATTLE. PEOPLE GATHERED TO PRAY FOR HIM! (v 1-4)

May the one going into "battle" go to a source of help—people gathered to seek the Lord on their behalf. May we pray for others just as the people prayed for King David...

- Lord, (someone) is fighting (this battle). **Answer** them in the day of trouble and when they cry out for help.
- God of Jacob, defend (this person). **Send help! Strengthen (him)** with Your strength!
It is so easy to read "God of Jacob" without realizing the significance of this name of God. Think back to Jacob's character before his name was changed to Israel. He was a conniver and deceitful. "God of Jacob" depicts the power of God to change and renew a life because of a struggle. It signifies God's role in protecting people who are flawed. Oh, God of Jacob...defend and protect!
- Let the sacrifices already given by this person move You, Lord, to fulfill Your promises.
- Grant this person's desires and fulfill all Your purpose! Help him delight in You so his desires will come to align with YOUR desires.

DAVID REFLECTED AND EXPANDED ON THE PEOPLES' PRAYERS. (v5-8)

- The Lord saves those who He has anointed. He will answer with the saving might and strength of His right hand.
- Some trust in chariots and some in horses. (*Today some trust in their finances, traditions, knowledge, or possessions. Some trust in people or experts.*) See also, Isaiah 31:1
- But WE will actively recall the attributes of the LORD our God. WE will actively rely on God and surrender according to His will.)

THEN THEY ALL PRAYED. (v 9)

- Oh, Lord, save (this person)! Bring victory! Defend, deliver, and preserve the lives of those who are in the battle. Answer them when they call.



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a. Denial Is Not **Self-Hatred** — It Is **Self-Government** ...

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b. The Cross Is Not an **Inconvenience** — It Is **Death** ...

Cf. Gen. 22; Acts 7; Eph. 5:25

c. Following Jesus is not a **Feeling** — it's **Devotion** ...

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3. **Count the Cost** ...

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